



Birches First School

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Dear Parents

This letter was sent by Codsall Middle School on Friday and as we are part of a Multi Academy I thought it would be good to join in...

Across our community, the situation in the Ukraine is causing a lot of anxiety and compassion. Like many others across the country, our pupils would like to act to support the plight of the Ukrainians.

We are working with the schools in our Multi-Academy Trust (St Nicholas' and Codsall Middle) to collect essential items that we will deliver to the Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain, which is based in Wolverhampton. They have a very specific list of requirements which you may find surprising.

The donations they request are:

- Medical supplies
- Surgical tape
- Black bags (black bin liners) on a roll
- Foil blankets
- Protein/snack bars
- Dry foods like cup a soup, soup, pot noodles, super noodles or any dry foods that can give someone a meal by adding hot water to it (no tins and jars).

If you would like to donate items, please bring them to school reception on Tuesday and Wednesday. **Please ONLY donate items on the list above.**

In addition to this, we will be supporting the **First News Ukraine Schools Appeal** in partnership with the Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC) by encouraging our pupils to dress in yellow and blue for school on Wednesday 16th March and paying a £1 donation on ParentPay.

We appreciate this is very close to Red Nose Day on Friday but we feel it is important for our Codsall Citizens to engage with world issues. If you feel that this is too much, or you would rather not contribute, then your child can, of course, come in school uniform on that day.

On the other hand, if you would like to contribute more than £1, you can do that by following this link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/first-news-schools-appeal>

If you feel that you would like to discuss the situation in the Ukraine with your child, the First News site is an excellent place to start.

https://schools.firstnews.co.uk/ukraine/?dm_i=6XUK,4DME,42LAR,HSly,1

Thank you for support,

Ms Reade

Head of School (CMS)